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SOURCE: An Hungarian officer from another Hungarian who has excellent contacts in the  
KIDEX, paragraphs 1 and 2.  
An Austrian with good contacts in Communist groups, paragraph 2.

1. During a recent tour of the United States in the Union area, Otto von Habsburg addressed a meeting of about 50 leaders of the Hungarian emigre group, representatives of the Hungarian National Council, on 15 July 1950. General Gortan, a representative of the Hungarian National Council and Chief of the United States of the Hungarian National Council, accompanied Otto on his trip. When he learned that Otto planned to address this meeting, Gortan asked him if in the future the Hungarian unit could include three points to his speech:

- That the end Admiral Horthy had resolved their differences;
- That all Hungarian emigre officers and soldiers owe their first allegiance to the Hungarian National Council; and
- That the KIDEX should subordinate itself to a non-political government constituted directly under the Hungarian National Council to handle all foreign partisan politics.

Although he had agreed to cover these points, when the time came Otto did not do so. He reached an agreement with Horthy. Before the meeting began, Horthy presented Otto with a message. Although there was some discussion, Otto's visit to Horthy, in view of his appearance at the KIDEX meeting, was refused to the point.

2. Otto is reported to have said that after departure of the Hungarian National Council, he had been in London on the Hungarian emigre situation. He had arranged the introduction to Horthy, Gortan, and other leaders of the group. Otto then he was in London and allegedly informed his associates that he had arranged with Gortan to place all former Hungarian emigre officers and soldiers in the United States in the event of a Soviet attack in the area. Otto also said that he had arranged for military units and used to strengthen the defense of the United States. Otto stated that he had made a similar arrangement with the United States government. It is reported that Otto's approach to Horthy has the approval of the Hungarian National Council. In the future, the KIDEX is expected to be a non-political body and thereby eliminate the possibility of future speculation of partisan politics.

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3. Actually, the original purpose of this meeting was to consider charges presented by a dissident group within the MHRK that General Zako is exploiting this organization for his own neo-Fascist political ends and that Zako and his inner circle no longer represent the views of the majority of the MHRK membership. The leader of the Zako opposition is General Jozsef Kovacs, who is closely supported by Ferenc Tamasdi-Kovacs. Reference to a news article which appeared in the newspaper Hungary, in dealing with charges brought against the MHRK leadership and the matter was referred to a committee for further study.

- (1) General Zako: The original suggestion for Otto's trip to Berlin, allegedly from Abel (a pseudonym of Adelman), a former Hungarian Nazi who now resides in Berlin. Abel was once Hungarian Military Attaché in Berlin because of his Nazi affiliations and particularly close association with General Hasek (a pseudonym of Hanssenberger) who was executed as a war criminal. Abel was discharged from the Army. He was released later when Hungary came into power.
- (2) Field Command: Negotiations between General Zako and Swedish officials in Helsinki and Paris have been in progress for some time.
- (3) Field Command: This allegation ties in with previous reports, since confirmed, that Zako has organized a counter-intelligence service headed by Major Abel (a pseudonym). Participation of the Hungarian National Council in Otto's present scheme is not surprising in view of the search which Richardt and the right wing of the Council are making for a political sponsor. Richardt, who directs the Council's military affairs, feels that his group needs organized support to counterbalance the large present following of Ferenc Hely and Bela Varga.

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